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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendment.

In The Claims:

Please cancel Claim 13 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 4 and 10 as follows:

a' 4. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 1 wherein the herbs in the composition are selected from the list comprising at least one from five groups of herbs wherein the first group comprises: Mahuang, Guizhi, Cangerzi, Xinyi, Bohe, Xixin, Xingren, Chaihu, Yinxingye, Baizi and Fangfeng; the second group comprises: Baizhu, Shanyao, Dangshen, Dazao, Ganciao, Huangqi and Huangjing; the third group comprises: Tusizi, Roucongrong, Fuzi, Yinyanghuo, Buguzhi, Dihuang and Xianmao; the fourth group